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October Recycling Dates

October 9 & 10
October 23 & 24

Presidential and State Election Day

In spite of all the media attention, it is possible that the actual Election Day could sneak by some people because it's so early in the month. Voters don't miss **Tuesday, November 6. The polls will be open at the Community Center, 190 Route 125, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.** Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's office by 5:00 pm Monday, November 5.

Coffee hour with the Chiefs

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine and Police Chief Wayne Robinson plan on hosting a second coffee hour **Sunday, October 21, 10 to 12** at the fire station. The meeting provides residents with the opportunity to talk one-on-one with your police and fire chiefs pertaining to any questions related to the departments.

Stop in, have a cup of coffee and visit.

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine

Where to Send November Newsletter News

In October the Newsletter Editor will be away for most of the month on a once-in-a-lifetime trip. The November issue will be prepared by the very capable next-in-command, Jim Clark.

All articles should be e-mailed to him at **jfclarkjr@comcast.net**. To speak with him call **580-1012**. Thank you for your cooperation.

What We Can Recycle

While the mailing crew was working on the September *Newsletter*, we discovered that some people were not aware that you can put a lot more into the recycle bins than you used to. A check with the Selectmen's office gave us this updated list – Editor.

Recyclables for collection shall include:

1. Aluminum and tin cans
2. Newsprint and any inserts, glossy paper, office paper, magazines
3. Corrugated cardboard, cut to no greater than 2ft. X 2 ft. and bundled
4. Glass (clear, green, and brown)
5. Plastic (bottles and jugs of #1 and #2 categories)
6. Steel food cans
7. Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)

Glass must have no caps, lids, or covers. All glass, plastic, and cans must be clean and rinsed.

All recycling shall be LOOSE in a recycle bin or in a trash barrel (no larger than 35 gallons) clearly marked with a recycling sticker, with the exception of cardboard which must be bundled.

Recycling found in any other condition will not be collected. Recycling stickers are provided free of charge or recycle bins are available at the Town Office for \$7.00.

Bake Sale on Election Day

With the permission of the Selectmen, the Brentwood Seniors will sponsor a table of home-baked foods in the Community Center on Election Day. In addition to the items baked by its members, donated home-baked items from town residents will be gratefully received, in support of the Seniors activities. For more information please call Sandra Thorsell, president, at 772-4476.

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.govTOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Mon., Wed., Thurs. 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday 9:00-8:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

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On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1

Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:00
 Friday 9:00-12:00

PLANNING BOARD

Phone: 642-6400 X 16
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

From the Town Clerk's OfficeVehicle registration:

- If you are **transferring plates** to another vehicle, you **must bring in the old registration**. The old registration must have the same name as the new one.
- If you are simply renewing the registration on your current vehicle, you **must bring in the old registration or the letter that we mailed to you**.
- You always need **two checks** to complete an auto registration: one for the State and one for the Town.

Absentee Ballots are available at the Town Clerk's office and must be returned by 5:00 PM on Monday, November 5, 2012.

The Town Clerk's office will be closed on Election Day, November 6, 2012.

Phyllis Thompson

Trick or Treat Night
Tuesday, October 30, 5 – 7 pm
 Residents please have a porch light on
 if you will welcome Halloween visitors.

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>July</u>	<u>Aug</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	128.41	114.03
Tons, recycled goods	27.03 (17.4%)	52.41 (31.4%)

John Kennedy Honored

At the September 20 Planning Board meeting, Bruce Stevens, Chairman, together with other Planning Board members and representatives from the Board of Selectmen, presented John Kennedy with a Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing his many years of service to Brentwood and the Planning Board. In addition to the Certificate, the next approved road in Brentwood will be named Kennedy Circle.

John has served over 30 years on the Planning Board. He also worked on the original Town Office Building, the early Swasey School playground, and with the Brentwood Recreation Center and Brentwood Boy Scouts.

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 or e-mail to lindarou@comcast.net

New Playground Equipment at Swasey School



The students of Swasey Central School were pleasantly surprised on the first day of school with new playground equipment. The school administrators worked with construction crews over the summer to have the work completed while classes were not in session. The new equipment and surfacing were required to bring the playground into compliance so that it is accessible to all students. Residents are encouraged to bring their children to enjoy the new equipment on the weekends or whenever school is not in session.

Dianne Vosgien

Chair, Brentwood School Board

Parent Faculty Group at Swasey

School is back in session and that means the Swasey PFG is busy planning for the new school year ahead. The Parent Faculty Group is a group of parents, guardians and teachers of the students of Swasey Central School. Their mission is to enhance the welfare and education of children at Swasey Central School by promoting active parent involvement in volunteer programs and fundraisers, as well as school and PFG sponsored activities. It's fun, it's free, it's informative, and you can develop some great friendships with other parents. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Swasey library. Find them on Facebook at Swasey Central School PFG. They have some great events planned that will help make 2012-13 another fantastic school year to be a part of the Swasey community!

The fall fundraiser is through Yankee Candle. Order forms are due by October 3. The anticipated merchandise pick-up date will be prior to Thanksgiving break.

A new and exciting event sponsored by the PFG is the **Swasey Community Scavenger Hunt**. This family activity will be held near the playground behind Swasey School **on Friday afternoon, October 26 from 3:45-5:15pm**. No sign-up needed. Toss on your Halloween costume (optional) and join them for some cider, apples, and fun. Be on the lookout for more info in your child's Wednesday folder.

Box tops are being collected at Swasey, as well as the Bartlett Library and Town Offices. All collection efforts will continue to be directed toward the construction of a shade shelter on the playground. Keep clipping!

The Swasey phonebook has gone "green" this year. In an effort to reduce paper consumption as well as limit spending, you will find your phonebook in a new, and very user-friendly, digital format. Congratulations to Derek Bond for creating the artwork on the cover.

Thank you to all of our Swasey volunteers for coming on board for another year.

The PFG will hold their next meeting on **Tuesday, October 16, 6:30 pm in the library** at Swasey School.

Kathy Babine

Basic Trail Maintenance Presentation

On **Thursday, November 1 from 7-9pm at the Brentwood Community Center**, the Brentwood Trails Committee will host a talk about what is included in doing basic trail maintenance, by Jeremy Burns from the Student Conservation Association, which is based at Bear Brook State Park.

In his role as NH corps Conservation Manager, Jeremy supports the crews during the conservation field season of our program, from training in the spring to crew support in the field throughout the season. Jeremy also supports the SCA Manchester program throughout the school year and summer field season. He grew up in a small farm town in central New York and has worked on trails and with youth and young adults throughout the woods of the northeast. Jeremy has associate degrees in Natural Resource Conservation and Environmental Conservation Law Enforcement and a B.A. in Environmental Planning and Management. His introduction to SCA was serving on a crew in Alaska building trails. Jeremy also has served as an Americorps member while leading trail crews with the Maine Conservation Corps.

Who should attend: Trail maintainers, trail users, recreation and conservation land managers and landowners.

Please RSVP so we can plan refreshments and any handouts. Contact Debbie Briscoe 603-778-3987 or e-mail at brentwoodtrails@aol.com.

Debbie Briscoe

The Mary E. Bartlett Library

Ah, "Booktober" is finally herethe perfect time to cozy up with a great book or classic film from the library shelves. We're here to help you "fall" into a good story!

Banned Books Week: In support of the right to choose books freely for ourselves, the ALA and The Mary E. Bartlett Library are sponsoring Banned Books Week (September 30 – October 6), an annual celebration of our right to access books without censorship. This year's observance commemorates the most basic freedom in a democratic society—the freedom to read freely—and encourages us not to take this freedom for granted. Stop by the library to see if you can identify our "brown wrapper" books! We will unveil these once-challenged children's titles on Saturday, Oct. 8 and select a winner from those who correctly identify all 10 titles.

Since its inception in 1982, Banned Books Week has reminded us that while not every book is intended for every reader, each of us has the right to decide for ourselves what to read, listen to or view. American libraries are the cornerstones of our democracy. Libraries are for everyone, everywhere. Because libraries provide free access to a world of information, they bring opportunity to all people. Now, more than ever, celebrate the freedom to read at your library. Read an old favorite or a new banned book this month!

October Happenings at MEB

On **Thursday, October 11 at 7pm** we will offer "Disaster Preparedness for Your Family & Pets." Do you know what to do in an emergency? What's your plan? Join us for information and resources presented by the Seacoast Public Health Region. Learn the ins and outs of keeping your family safe this winter and beyond.

For **Family Night, Friday, October 12 at 7pm**, "**Eyes on Owls**," returns to Brentwood with 5-7 different live species of owls. For all ages!

Ladies Night Movie will be held on Thursday, **October 18 at 7pm**. We will be showing the black and white classic "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison.

On **Thursday, October 25 at 7pm**, the Grave-stone Girls will present "**Welcome to the Cemetery**." Learn about the art, history and symbolism existing in some of Brentwood's cemeteries.

Last, but not least, the **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday, October 29 at 7pm** for another stimulating discussion. This month's title is the candid and sensitive memoir "Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight" by Alexandra Fuller. Copies available at the library.

CONGRATULATIONS to our **Brentwood Friends of the Library** for being one of the **Top 5**

Friends groups in New Hampshire! This generous and hard-working group has made a huge difference to our library over the years and its honor is well-deserved. Please stop by the library during **National Friends of the Library Week** (Oct. 21 – Oct. 27) to see just why we "treasure" our Friends so much. Better yet, show the Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library that you appreciate them by attending a meeting, baking for one of their events, volunteering your time, or donating gently used materials towards their book sales. Your support of the Friends will pay forward many times over, with more books, more programs and more services for you and your family.

One more thing: you may notice a change here and there on the library website over the next few months. That's because we are experimenting with ways to better communicate library happenings to you and ways to improve access to our online services. Let us know what you think!

Check it all out @ your library!

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Eyes on Owls

Friday, October 12 at 7:00 PM

**A Family Night Event at the Library
Sponsored by The Benefactor and
The Friends of the Library**



Photo courtesy of Eyes on Owls

Marcia Wilson (shown above with a Great Horned Owl) and Mark Wilson will be bringing wild owls to the Library. They will share the field marks, signs and naturalist's skills that you can use to find wild owls without disturbing them, while introducing you to several live owls up close. Be treated to a hooting lesson, as well as learning tips on how to attract and protect owls near you. **Don't miss this event!**

The Scarecrows Are Coming, the Scarecrows Are Coming!! October 27, 1:30-4:00 pm

It is time for our second annual scarecrow festival. We are so excited to add barn dancing and pumpkin bowling in addition to our pumpkin painting and costume parade for this year's event. Entry forms will be sent out with Swasey School's Wednesday folder, or you can pick up your form at the library for a \$10 entry fee. So get your creative juices flowing and enter your award winning scarecrow. It is a fun event for the whole family to enjoy and will be sure to get you into the Halloween spirit. So mark October 27 in your busy schedule and come have some fun with the scarecrows.

Scarecrows will begin going up the first weekend in October. Stakes and zip ties will be available for your use. You can check out our Facebook page to see some of the great scarecrows that were entered last year. <http://www.facebook.com/mobileprotection#!/brentwoodscarecrowfest>.

The Friends meeting will be on **Thursday, October 11 at 9:30 am**. We would love to welcome new members that love the library as much as we do. So come join us for coffee and chat about events for 2012-2013.

Along with the busy happenings in October, we'll once again offer the Library **Halloween Costume Swap**. We collect gently worn and clean costumes and display them at the library for others to purchase for only \$5. It's been a huge success over the years and can save a family quite a bit of money.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply email marybartlett76@yahoo.com and we would be happy to add you to our list. We do not share this information with anyone else.

Cheryl Scott

Brentwood Has a Boy Scout Troop!

Brentwood has recently re-instated its own Boy Scout Troop for boys in grades 6 –12. In the past years, the only option for boys moving on from Cub Scouts was to join one of the surrounding towns' Boy Scout troops. This year, a group of boys wanted to stay together and start a local troop again, so Troop 192 is officially in action! If you have a boy who is interested in joining, please contact Aaron Epstein at Firedoc166@comcast.net or (603) 300-2202. You can also contact Steve Floyd at smfloyd80@gmail.com.

To revive Troop 192, we are in desperate need of supplies. If you happen to have any of these items in your garage that need a good home, or would like to purchase something to donate, our boys would be most appreciative! Here is our wish list:

20x10 All-purpose canopy
10 x 10 EZ-up
Patrol box
Rubbermaid 48-gallon Action Packer (2)
Maul/axe
Bow Saw
Camp Dutch ovens: 14 quart and 12 quart
Camp stove, Coleman (2)
Lobster cooker propane burner and pot
Propane bottles (2)
3-outlet propane distribution post (2)
Propane lantern (2)
Propane lantern case
Cast iron skillets: 12" and 10"
Tents
Water jugs (jersey can style) (4)
Coolers

If you have any questions or would like to donate an item, please contact Karen Myers at Karen-myers@comcast.net or (603) 772-4044, or contact Aaron or Steve as listed above. Thank you for supporting Boy Scouts!

Karen S. Meyers

A Halloween Event

HAPPY HALLOWEEN all! I would like to announce that the Halloween Midway that is held every year at 59 Lake Rd has been moved to a new location, which is at 145 Scrabble Rd on the Rte. 125 end behind Toss and Sauce! It's still free to all on Trick or Treat night! Come test your skill at a game of chance and win candy and prizes!

Donations are welcome. Even if you don't have kids, adults are welcome to come and play as well. This will be our 7th year and we thank you all for making it a success every year. Nothing scary, just games geared for kids of any age! Costumes not necessary but always enjoyed. A sign will be posted at the old address. Just look for all the lights and follow the music! See you there!

Sean O'Leary

Brentwood Democratic Committee

In this busy month of October, before the general election, the Brentwood Democratic Committee will meet twice - October 1, 2012 at 7:00pm, 25 Peabody Drive and October 29, 2012 at 7:00pm, 52 Stevens Drive.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend to discuss issues and accomplishments leading up to the November general election!

Liz McConnell
603-772-7484

Fifth Grade Food Drive



The Swasey fifth graders ran a successful food drive to benefit the Brentwood Food Pantry located at the Pilgrim Church. Thank you to all the staff, students and families who donated items, collected items and helped to deliver the food!

Kathy Carson, Swasey teacher

Something Old and Something New

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will be holding its **Annual Harvest Supper** for the 45th year! It will be held at the **Swasey School on Saturday, November 3**. The traditional menu of turkey, all the fixings and homemade desserts will be featured. What's new? This year there will be **only two seatings, one at 4:30 and one at 6:00**.

To reserve a table for six or more, call 642-4597. Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are available in advance at:

Clark Oil, Main Street.....Kingston
Brentwood Country Store.....Route 11A
Arnold's Bakery Store, Lincoln Street, Exeter
Adults \$12.00 Children (ten & under) \$7.00

Lexi's Lupus Warriors

My name is Lexi Buswell. I am 11 and have lived in Brentwood all my life. I was diagnosed with Lupus in 2011 and since then I have become a warrior. Lupus is an autoimmune disease. It attacks the body's cells and tissue, resulting in inflammation and tissue damage. Lupus has been hard to deal with. There have been days when I couldn't straighten my legs or walk and have needed a wheelchair to get around at school. There have been other days when I couldn't get out of bed or walk up stairs without my parents' help. I have gone through many of these days, many medications,

long drives to doctor's appointments, medical exams, blood tests, and some tears along the way.

As I write this I am in remission but flare-ups come on unexpectedly and many with Lupus suffer every day. So now, as Gandhi once said, "I must become the change I wish to see in the world." With that as inspiration, I decided I was going to help change other people's lives, one step at a time. At the beginning of September, I started raising money for The Lupus Foundation of America. Many people in our community have already donated and some are joining my team in the "Walk for Lupus Now" event in Boston on October 27. If you would like to donate, even a little, you can donate to the Lexi's Lupus Warriors team! You can visit my web page at www.facebook.com/LexisLupusWarriors and click on the link to donate or join us for the Walk.

Thanks in advance for your help! Please help me change lives and make your steps count toward helping others like me.

Lexi Buswell

Achievements

Michael Santry Paul of Brentwood was promoted on July 31 to the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. MMNC Paul successfully completed the time-honored tradition of naval Chief Petty Officer indoctrination and was pinned with his anchor insignia on September 14. Chief Paul is a 2004 graduate of Exeter High School. He joined the Navy in 2004 and is currently assigned to the Blue Crew of the submarine *USS Georgia SSGN 729*, based in Saint Mary's, Georgia where he and his wife Samantha reside. Chief Paul is the son of Joan and Alan Mason of Rousseau Lane, Brentwood.

Larissa Claar, a 2012 graduate of Exeter High School, has been accepted for the Up with People program. She will leave in January to join a cast of 100 international students for a six-month tour of Europe and Asia. Their show offers a combination of powerful music and dance. Larissa has been a dancer with the NH Academy of Performing Arts since she was 5, and a member of the Seacoast Civic Dance Company for 6 years. She is the daughter of David and Deb Claar of Northrup Drive.

September Mailing Crew

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those who came to the Town Office Building to prepare the September issue of the *Newsletter* for mailing: Sandy and Al Belanger, Thirza Lausier, Amy Wilson, Norman Wilson, Jim McGean, Joanne Davis, Phyllis Thompson, and Lori McClure.

Linda Rousseau , Editor

Brentwood Historical Society

October 11:

“Life in Brentwood in the 1940s and ‘50s”

Come join us in our continuing trip around town as we listen to what the “older” folks remember of how things were on their road when they were the “young” folks, and what their parents and grandparents told them about who lived where in the house that was, but is now long gone. We’ve gone down North Road and DeerHill Road and traveled along part of South Road. Now we’re traveling over Pickpocket and as we listen to our narrator, more places and names and events will come to mind. We invite you all to come and share your memories with us.

To our newcomers, it may be a revelation that an outhouse appeared overnight on the church roof or that a cow once appeared up in the bell tower of the church. No, the church is not on said road but the perpetrators – did they come from there? !! Now I’m sure that besides shenanigans, there were also neighborly and kindly deeds that were done. Perhaps we’ll learn of one more version of where the name Pickpocket came from!

After the program, which will begin at **7:00 pm on Thursday, October 11, at the Historical Society Museum** on Crawley Falls Road just above the old fire-house, stay and mingle with us for cider and doughnuts.

November 10:

Live Demonstration, “Teams and Teamsters”

Residents and especially families with children – be sure to come to the Brentwood Museum on **Saturday, November 10, from 10 am–1:00 pm**. The Historical Society will offer an opportunity to learn about **“Teams and Teamsters.”** Gordon Wilson will talk about the use and training of farm animal teams through the years. Then visitors will move outside to welcome and watch a team of oxen brought by a member of the well-known 4-H “Yankee Teamsters” club. The various members of the “Yankee Teamsters” own 20 teams of oxen, ranging from 6 months to 7 years or older, and they participate in all the major fairs of the Fall, including the Eastern States Exposition. Bring the family to see a team close up and learn more about how 4-H members train and work with them.

The incinerating toilet

Our deep appreciation and thanks to all of you who have so kindly donated to the fund for our new facility. The unit has been ordered and the installation will be soon be a reality.

Officers elected

Historical Society officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Alma Vahey; Vice-President, Theresa Sherry; Secretary, Albert Belanger; Treasurer, Frank Northrup; Curator, Maureen Vahey; Curator

Emeritus, Norman Wilson. The Board of Directors, in addition to the officers, includes Norman Wilson and Linda Rousseau. Program Chair, Linda Rousseau. For more information please feel free to call me at 679-8635.

Alma Vahey, President

The Brentwood Gardeners

The Gardeners had a joyous meeting in September after their summer break. Each person told of some of the best things (and sometimes the worst) about her summer gardens. They munched on delicious refreshments while deciding what programs to have for the year, and who would make the arrangements for each program. It’s a great system so that no one is burdened with arranging all the programs.

The Gardeners will meet next in the Fellowship Hall at Pilgrim Church on **Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 pm**. Fall flower arrangements will be the focus of the evening. Kevin of the Exeter Flower Shop will help each member go home with a handsome arrangement. Cost for materials will be \$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members; the Gardeners will pay the remainder. Please bring clipping shears and gloves, and **e-mail Al and Sharon Franklin** that you plan to be there. Al needs a head count for Kevin, who needs to know how much material to bring. Al and Sharon’s email: sharonfranklin@hotmail.com.

The Gardeners elected the following officers for the coming year: Co-Presidents, Torie Freeman and Linda Rousseau; Vice-President, Ann Dillon; Secretary, Emily Schmalzer; Treasurer, Gladys Ray; Hospitality, Kate Locke and Suzanne Hannon; Plant Sale, Gladys Ray, Suzanne Hannon and Al Franklin.

New members are welcome at any time! For more information please call Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Gardening Tips for October

Brush your root crops clean of any soil and store in a cool, dark place. Never refrigerate potatoes and apples together; the apples give off ethylene gas, which will spoil the potatoes. Clipping the tops of parsnips, carrots, beets, and turnips will keep them fresher longer.

Plant hardy spring-flowering bulbs such as tulip, daffodil, and hyacinth bulbs and crocus corms. Don’t be too quick to cover them with mulch or it may attract animals. Wait until the ground freezes.

Clean up your lawn and garden. Remove any dead or diseased plants, leaves, and twigs; a clean garden means fewer diseases next spring.

From the SAU 16 Superintendent's Reports of August and September . . .

Exeter Adult Education Programs

An extensive array of programs for high school completion and for personal enrichment is available through the Exeter Adult Education Program located at the Tuck Learning Campus. These opportunities are part of the numerous programs offered to local residents. Contact 775-8457 or www.sau16.org for more information.

Seacoast School of Technology (SST)

The Seacoast School of Technology (SST) in Exeter serves students from seven area high schools daily: Epping, Exeter, Great Bay eLearning Charter School (GBecs), Newmarket, Raymond, Sanborn Regional, and Winnacunnet. Some students who are enrolled in private schools, home schooled, or the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School (VLACS) also participate in the program. Students travel to the Linden Street location to participate in one of eleven career and technical educational courses that prepare them for further education and a career. For more information about SST, please access their website at <http://www.seacoasttech.com/> or at www.sau16.org.

NH Retirement System Rates Change Finalized

The NH Retirement System has advised school districts that their share of retirement costs for all full time employees will increase again July 2013. This EMPLOYER Contribution rate has a direct impact on each school district. For teachers and principals, the rate will move from the current 11.30% of a person's salary to 14.16%; this indicates a 25.3% increase. For all other employees, the rate will move from the current 8.80% of a person's salary to 10.77%; this indicates a 22.4% increase.

Obviously, this will have a significant impact on district budgets as they are prepared for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Preliminary calculations of the respective districts and the SAU show the anticipated increases for the 2013-2014 budgets based on current employees:

Brentwood - \$59,145.60
 East Kingston - \$31,338.00
 Exeter - \$221,779.00
 Exeter Region Cooperative - \$642,235.00
 Kensington - \$35,540.97
 Newfields - \$22,662.50
 Stratham - \$122,208.73
 SAU 16 - \$23,830.00

Total - \$1,158,739.80

To the Editor

Dear Brentwood,

My name is Curtis Grace and I am running as the Republican nominee for New Hampshire State Representative from Brentwood. I have been living in Brentwood almost 10 years. My wife Kathrynne and I have been married for 12 years and we are blessed with two boys Owen, 7, and Damon, 9. Both boys attend Swasey School and are active in Cub Scouts and youth athletics.

I see the State Representative position as a civic duty to represent all the residents and hard working tax payers of Brentwood. I support a state government that works hard for the citizens that is socially and fiscally responsible, sensible and efficient.

I grew up in Deerfield, NH and attended UNH studying Food Service Management and Economics. After college I lived in Dover and Portsmouth until I moved to Brentwood. For almost a decade I ran my own Italian gelato ice cream manufacturing business. Now I am working as Director of Business Development for an IT staffing & consulting company based in Exeter.

My values are simple. I am committed to keeping taxes low and protecting personal freedoms. I take a common sense approach to dealing with issues and do not have a social agenda in mind running for the State Representative position. I have helped coached youth baseball and soccer here in town. I realize the economic plight of too many families in NH and have donated as much as I could over the years to the NH Food Bank when I ran my Italian gelato ice cream manufacturing business. I have volunteered with the disabled/adaptive skiing program at Loon Mountain which was a special opportunity to work with folks with various disabilities. I believe it is very important for everyone with time and the ability to help a cause dear to their heart and contribute and serve their community.

As a result of running my own business for nine years, I know firsthand the hard work, sweat, tears and sacrifice it takes to make it work and understand that NH's small business owners are vital to a successful state economy.

I hope this gives Brentwood residents a better understanding that I'm dedicated to my professional career and raising a family, but that representing the town of Brentwood as State Representative is an honor and civic duty to help keep our state running effectively and responsibly.

I would be honored to earn your vote in November.

Regards,

Curtis Grace

curtiswgrace@yahoo.com

603-556-1936

Brentwood Recreation News

Foxwoods Trip

NEW! Join us as we travel with Clarama and Eagle One Coach to Foxwoods Resort Casino on **Monday, October 15**. Enjoy coffee, donuts and a game of Bingo on the ride down. After a day at the casino, relax with some refreshments on the ride home. Includes Casino \$15 bonus for food and \$10 for Keno. **\$35 per person**. Contact the Recreation office to reserve your space.

Youth Basketball

Sign-ups for our 2012-2013 Youth Basketball programs will begin October 2. We offer the following levels:

Coed teams - Team play at Swasey School

Kindergarten 1st/2nd Grade

Objective: 1st and 2nd graders will have optional practice every other week (Kindergarten plays only on Saturdays) Teams will play games Saturday mornings (at Swasey School). The hour is split with practicing individual skills and basketball fundamentals first, followed by a structured game with the hoops lowered. Coaches continue to instruct players during games as well as during their practice time.

Travel teams - need 8 players minimum per team

Girls: 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th
Boys 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th

Travel Teams will play: Brentwood, Stratham, Greenland, Newfields, North Hampton, and E. Kingston. Practice: 1 night per week, Days TBD starting mid-November. Season to run 12/8-2/22: Games will be played primarily Saturday mornings/ afternoons.

Objective: To build on players' individual basketball skills, reinforcing fundamentals while introducing basic and simple team plays. The importance of sportsmanship, as well as HAVING FUN (win or lose), will be stressed.

Pick-up: (Just Saturdays at Cooperative Middle School)
7th/8th Boys 7th/8th Girls

Registration cost:

K-2nd (\$40) 3rd-6th (\$55) 7th-8th (\$70) Pick-Up (\$50)
(Family rate - 3rd child free)

Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website. **Deadline is October 25.**

Coaches' meeting will be November 6 at 6:30pm.

Men's 30+ Basketball

Our Men's 30+ Pick-up Basketball program will start on **Thursday, November 29, 7:30-9:00pm** at the Phillips Exeter Academy gym in Exeter. All players must sign up through the Recreation office by November 20.

Sign-up forms are available at the Recreation Office or on our website. **Cost: \$75/10 weeks.**

Zumba Class

Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

Next session will start October 31 but drop-ins are always welcome. You'll have so much fun listening to the music, doing the steps and moving your body you will forget you are exercising! Sign up through the Recreation office. **Cost: \$42/six weeks** and Drop-ins always welcome at \$9/night!

Family Yoga Class

Tuesday evenings 6:30 – 7:30pm

Parents upstairs and kids downstairs!

Fall session starts October 2

Cost: \$64/ 8 weeks Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class. People of all levels welcome! Come to class to increase flexibility, strength, and balance, while reducing stress in your life. Register through the Recreation office.

Pick-Up Volleyball

We'll be running a 6-week session of pick-up Volleyball for girls in 9th-12th grade at Swasey School beginning October 11. Play will be from 6:30-8:00pm. There is a \$10 participation fee that covers all six weeks

SENIORS

"Join us for Yoga Movement Class! **

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Try a Yoga Movement class designed just for seniors at 10:30am.

King Pine Family Ski Program

We are again joining with King Pine Ski Area to offer Brentwood families the opportunity to enjoy some outdoor fun this winter. Whether you ski, snowboard or need to learn, we have something for you.

Dates: Sundays 1/20, 1/27, 2/3 & 2/10

Times: 10:00am – 4pm

Cost: 4 week lift/lesson: \$112 junior \$136 Adults

4 week lift/lesson rental \$183 junior \$227 Adults

Helmet Rentals \$5 per person per week

Can't commit to all four weeks?

Your family can still take advantage of a discounted rate.

By the week lift tickets and rental costs:

Lift tickets \$18 junior \$27 Adult

Ski or snowboard rental \$17 junior \$22 Adults

Helmet Rentals \$5 per person per week

Lessons \$24 junior \$24 Adults

Sign-up in the Recreation office.

Facilities Rental

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a 50% discount off the rental rates! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office.

Margaret Dullea, Recreation Director

642-6400 ext. 20 recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30am-3:30pm

Commission meetings: 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm.

To the Editor

Hi, my name is Michael Hubbard and with the great help of over 150 registered voters I was able to get on the ballot as YOUR Independent Candidate for State Representative.

Some time ago, I decided to be an Independent because I was disappointed with the party politics. The parties have made it clear to me and I think most Americans that they are more interested in their party's interests and have lost sight of real people issues, issues that affect us all. As an Independent, you can count on me to stand up for Brentwood and be a strong voice for us all. Voting on the issues as they make sense for us the people—not a party line.

I have lived in Brentwood for over 15 years. I have four children. I also have two grandchildren that are my pride and joy. I have been an independent business owner here in town for over 12 years and currently serve as one of your Selectmen. I am on my second year of a 3-year term. I also serve as a member of our Planning Board.

In serving the public, I believe you have to be the voice of the people. As a Selectman, I have talked with many constituents and have heard the same message repeatedly: our property taxes are too high. They want the elected official to fix it and be their voice. With that being said, I have worked hard being the voice for my constituents. I have constantly voted to keep the town's operating cost to a minimum without reducing town services.

I believe in doing what is right, even if the right thing means I have to work harder or make sacrifices as the voice of the people. I consider myself fiscally conservative and socially practical. It is my belief that Politicians need to respect the money of the "the tax payers" and act as if it was their own. Most responsible people do not waste their own money.

Politicians should not be motivated in eliminating programs that help the less fortunate in order to reduce taxes. This is not a solution. They should run these programs like a business looking for waste and corruption, and eliminating such to reduce costs. They should put measures in place to be focused on helping the program participants in being self sufficient to get them off the program.

The party politicians are so wrapped up in party politics they have lost sight of the people. That is why I am running as an **Independent for State Representative** here in Brentwood. I am asking for your vote on November 6, 2012.

I can promise, if elected, I will fight to be your voice in the State House.

Michael Hubbard

Brentwood Selectman

From the SAU 16 Superintendent's Report...

Champions for Children

Community members and school staff continue to recognize and celebrate the dedication of local individuals by nominating them for a local Champion for Children award. This award is given to those individuals who have distinguished themselves by demonstrating significant involvement in programs and/or services that directly benefit the students and families of School Administrative Unit 16.

The Brentwood School Board recently presented this award to Swasey Central School's Food Service Director **Tammy Heath**. Nominated by the fourth grade teachers, Tammy was recognized for continuously going above and beyond her job of providing approximately 400 students with delicious and nutritious snacks and lunches. "Every day, she greets them with a smiling, happy face, encouraging them to eat their fruits and vegetables." Tammy also works with local growers to include their products in the school and she works closely with teachers in planning Native American meals and regional dishes from various parts of the United States. "Tammy loves her job, her staff, and the kids, and they love her."

Cost Per Pupil by District

Each year the State of New Hampshire receives information relative to the cost per pupil for the past school year. This actual cost includes all services provided to students. It encompasses staff salaries and benefits, books, supplies, facility upkeep and maintenance, and extracurricular activities. In order to maintain some level of consistency among school districts in the state, this figure does not include student transportation, food service, debt service, or out-of-district special education costs. These numbers are subject to change after review by the New Hampshire Department of Education and the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. Preliminary figures for 2011-2012:

Brentwood--\$11,359.80
 East Kingston--\$12,585.86
 Exeter----Not yet finalized
 Exeter Region Cooperative----Not yet finalized
 Kensington--\$14,388.83
 Newfields--\$14,284.10
 Stratham--\$13,953.51

The First Baptist Church

Christmas Fair

The First Baptist Church of Brentwood will be having its annual Christmas Fair on **Friday, November 2 from 3-6 and Saturday, November 3 from 8-1**. This year we plan to have an abundance of pies in our bake sale along with the usual array of baked goods. There will be Hand Crafts, Next to New, White Elephant and Jewelry tables for you to shop at. The church is at the corner of North Road and Rte. 125.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Christmas Shoe Boxes from Samaritan's Purse are now available at the church for you to fill with school supplies, toiletries, books, games or toys and wrapped hard candy to be delivered to children all over the world and right here in our own country. Many have been in the wrong place at the wrong time, in areas that are recovering from war, flood or tornado and poverty. Can't you just see the anticipation as they wait for the signal to open their boxes and the smiles that will appear on their faces?

Boxes may be picked up from the entry of the church vestry of the Baptist Church (corner of North Road and Route 125) and the full ones left there by **November 12** so that they can be delivered to the pickup area within the following week. Ordinary shoeboxes can also be used, so long as a label is attached stating boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14 years old.

For more information please call me at 679-8635.

Alma Vahey

Sympathy

Sincere sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of **Martha J. Ernest** of Crawley Falls Road, who died unexpectedly at home on August 31. Born in Pittsfield, Mass., she moved with her family to Brentwood when she was 7 and lived here the rest of her life. She was a licensed and certified nurses' assistant at the Rockingham County Nursing Home for 35 years.

Deepest sympathy and friendship are extended to the family **Joseph E. White** of Deer Hill Road, who died September 12 at the Hyder Family Hospice House in Dover following a lengthy illness. Born in Hanover, NH, he graduated from Lebanon High School and Plymouth State College. He taught high school in Newmarket and Portsmouth. An avid gardener and always concerned with the environment, he helped start the Northeast Organic Farmers Assn., and the recycling centers of both Brentwood and Epping. He received the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Plymouth State Alumni Assn. in 2003. He and his wife Gail owned and operated Raspberry Ridge Herbs on Deer Hill Road.

Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will meet at the Brentwood Community Center on **Wednesday, October 24**. Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Kirkwood House and The Pines, retirement and assisted living communities in Newmarket and Lee. Members should arrive at 11:00 am to have appetizers.

President Sandra Thorsell will begin the short business meeting at 11:30. Representatives of Kirkwood and The Pines will speak briefly to the group, after which the lunch buffet will be open. After lunch there will be a "Party" – details to be revealed at the time!

The Seniors will be in charge of a **Food Sale Table on Election Day November 6 at the Community Center**, featuring home-baked items. All members are asked to bring home-baked items for the table, as it is the only fund-raising activity for the group. Any home-made items donated by other members of the community will be gratefully accepted.

The Seniors always welcome new members, including those who are not residents of Brentwood. For information please call Sandy Thorsell at 772-4476.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

Historical Note:

Ladies Do Men's Work

(Exeter News-Letter, November 1, 1862)

As I was sitting in my barn last Tuesday evening quietly husking corn, I was unexpectedly surrounded by fourteen Young Ladies who ordered me to surrender, which I did unconditionally, (as my three sons are in the army) and my health not being very good, I retreated to the house – they held possession of the barn until ten o'clock, and having finished my husking, they came into the house and sung "Raw Recruits, Star Spangled Banner," and several other patriotic pieces, and then returned to their homes. Upon measuring the corn husked, there proved to be 100 bushels. I don't believe the same number of hands of the male sex, could be procured, who would have done the same work so quickly and neatly as they did.

The young ladies have been very patriotic in gathering the crops, that their brothers and husbands who have gone off to war, [the Civil War of 1861-1865] planted and cultivated, for which they have my thanks and that of the community. Frederic Robinson.

[Frederic Robinson lived in the brick house now 305 Middle Road.]

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Material contributed by Matthew E. Thomas of Fremont.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 9 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Oct. 10 Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Oct. 11 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
"Life in Brentwood in the 1940's and '50s" – 7:00 pm, Historical Soc. Museum, Crawley Falls Rd.
"Disaster Preparedness for your Family & Pets" – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Oct. 12 **"Eyes on Owls" – Family Night, 7:00 pm**, Bartlett Library
- Oct. 15 School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
Library Trustees – 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- Oct. 16 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Parent Faculty Group – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Brentwood Gardeners – 7:00 pm, Pilgrim Church Fellowship Hall, 197 Middle Rd.
- Oct. 18 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," Bartlett Library
- Oct. 21 **Coffee Hour with the Chiefs – 10 am–Noon, Fire House**
- Oct. 22 Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Brentwood Democratic Committee – 7:00 pm, 52 Stevens Drive
- Oct. 23 Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Oct. 24 Brentwood Seniors – 11:00 am, Community Center.
- Oct. 25 **"Welcome to the Cemetery" – 7:00 pm**, Bartlett Library
- Oct. 27 **Scarecrow Festival – 1:30–4:00 pm**, Bartlett Library
- Oct. 29 Brentwood Bookers – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Oct. 30 **Trick or Treat night, 5:00-7:00 pm.** Residents have porch light on if ready for visitors.
Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Nov. 1 **Trails Maintenance Presentation – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center, 190 Rte. 125**
Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Nov. 2 **Christmas Fair – 3-6 pm, First Baptist Church.**
- Nov. 3 **Christmas Fair – 8 am–1 pm, First Baptist Church**
Pilgrim Church Harvest Supper – seatings 4:30 and 6:00, Swasey School
- Nov. 5 Trails Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Firemen's Association – 7:00 pm, Fire House
Budget Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Nov. 6 **Election Day – polls open from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center**

The public is welcome at all above events

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